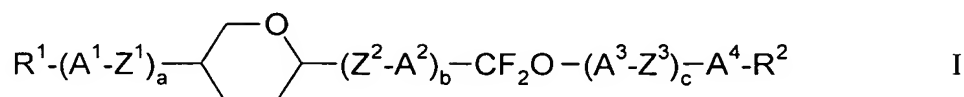




This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

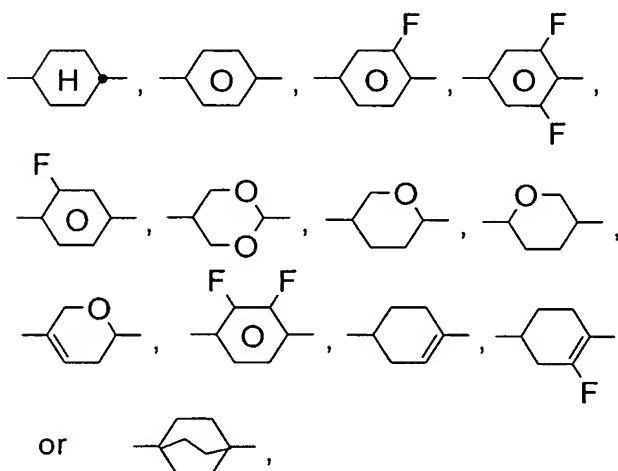
1. **(Currently Amended)** ~~Liquid-crystalline compounds~~ A liquid-crystalline compound of the formula I:



in which

R^1 and R^2 each, independently of one another, denote H, halogen, a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl or alkoxy radical having 1 to 15 C atoms, where, ~~in addition,~~ one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals ~~may each,~~ independently of one another, ~~be~~ are optionally replaced by $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-$ or $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another, and where one of the radicals R^1 and R^2 ~~may alternatively denote~~ is optionally CN, OCN, SCN, NCS or SF_5 ,

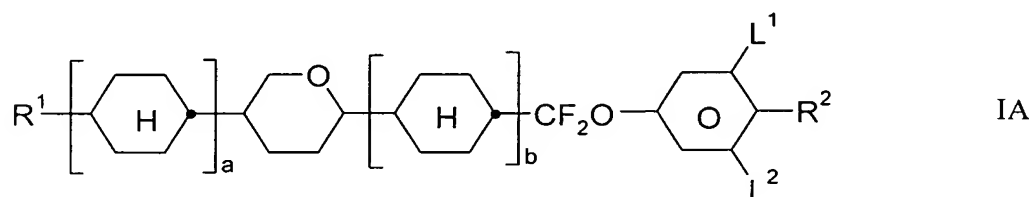
A^1 , A^2 , A^3 and A^4 each, independently of one another, denote



Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 each, independently of one another, denote -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CF₂O-, -OCF₂-, -CH₂O-, -OCH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -(CH₂)₄-, -C₂F₄-, -CH₂CF₂-, -CF₂CH₂-, -CF=CF-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C- or a single bond, and

a, b and c each, independently of one another, denote 0, 1, 2 or 3, where $a + b + c \leq 3$.

2. **(Currently Amended)** ~~Liquid-crystalline compounds~~ A liquid-crystalline compound of claim 1, which is of the formula IA:



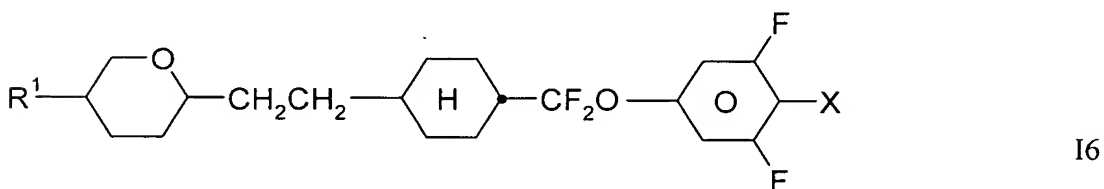
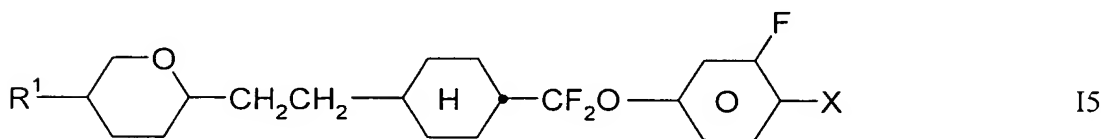
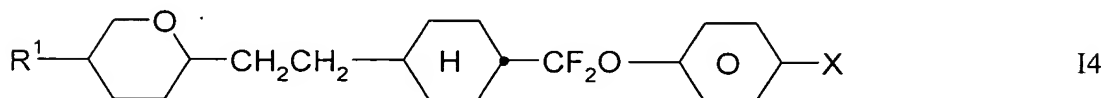
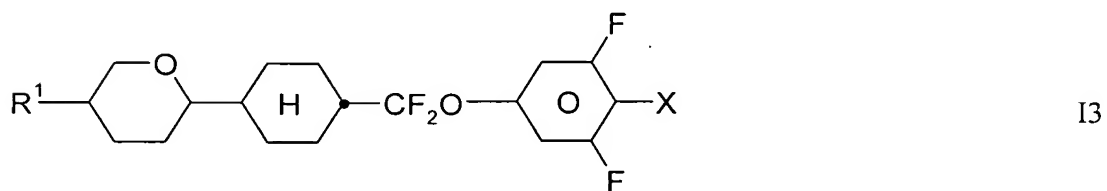
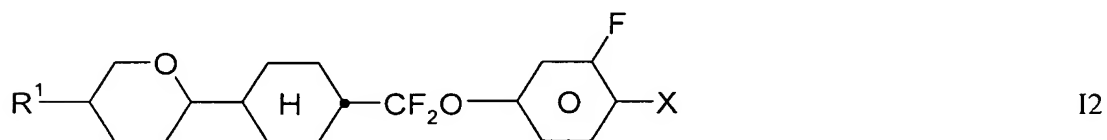
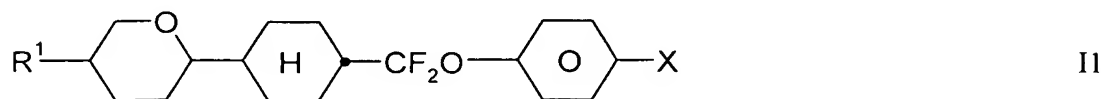
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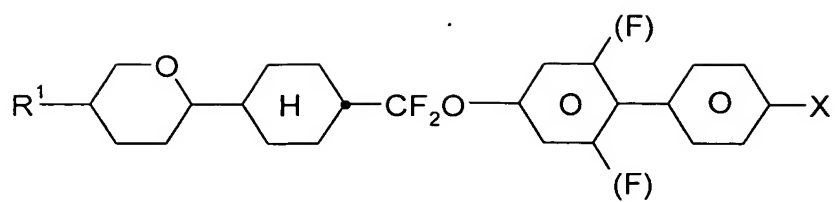
R^1 , R^2 , a, and b ~~are~~ have the meanings indicated in Claim 1, where $a + b = 1$ or 2, and

L^1 and L^2 each, independently of one another, denote H or F.

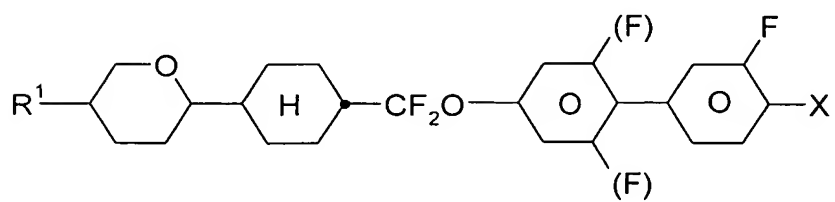
3. **(Currently Amended)** ~~Liquid-crystalline compounds~~ A liquid-crystalline compound according to formula I of Claim 1, characterised in that wherein $a = 1$ and $b = 0$ or $a = 0$ and $b = 1$.
4. **(Currently Amended)** ~~Liquid-crystalline compounds~~ A liquid-crystalline compound according to Claim 2, characterised in that wherein L^1 denotes fluorine and L^2 denotes fluorine or hydrogen.
5. **(Currently Amended)** ~~Liquid-crystalline compounds~~ A liquid-crystalline compound according to Claim 2, characterised in that wherein L^1 and L^2 denote fluorine.

6. **(Currently Amended)** ~~Liquid-crystalline compounds~~ A liquid-crystalline compound of claim 1, which is of one of the formulae I1 to I31;

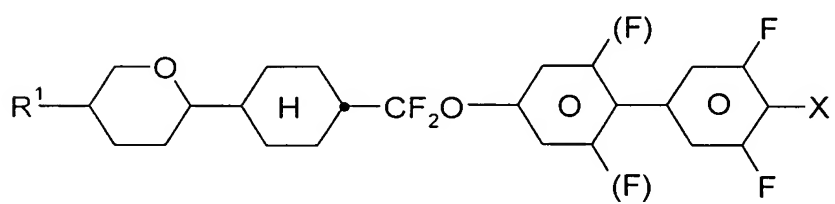




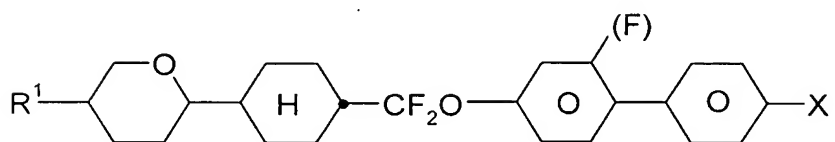
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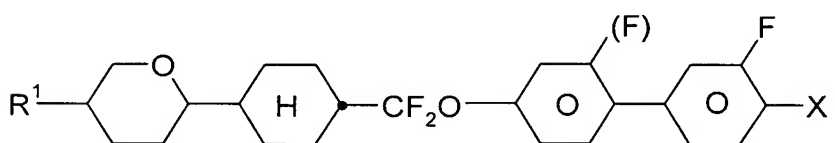
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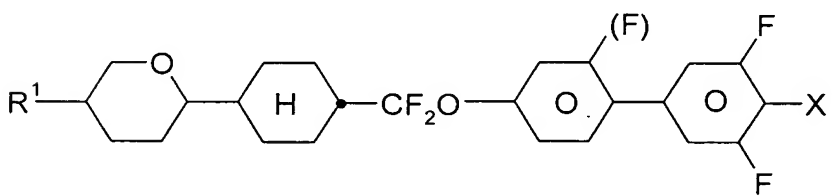
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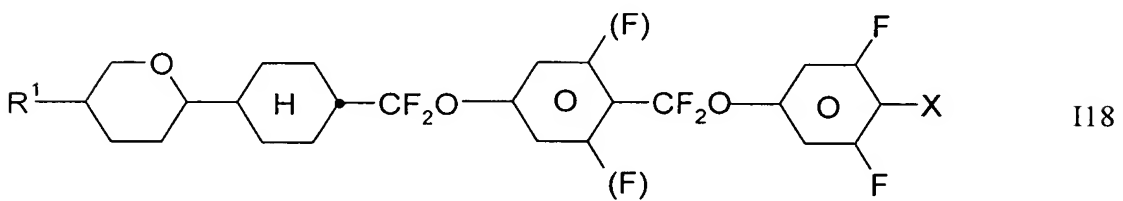
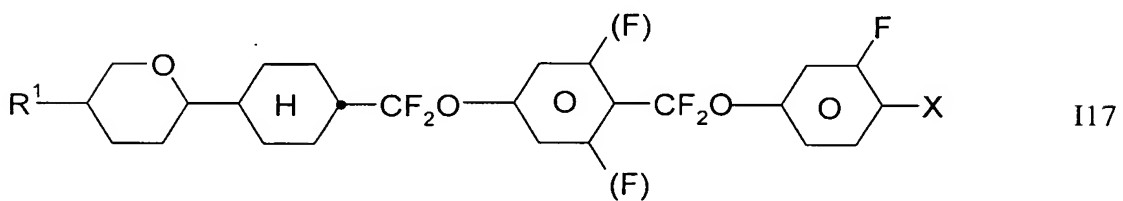
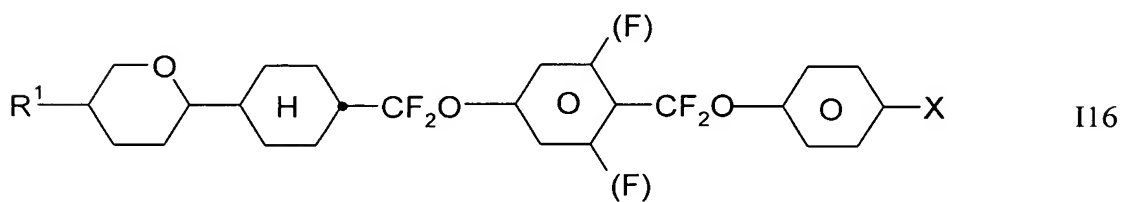
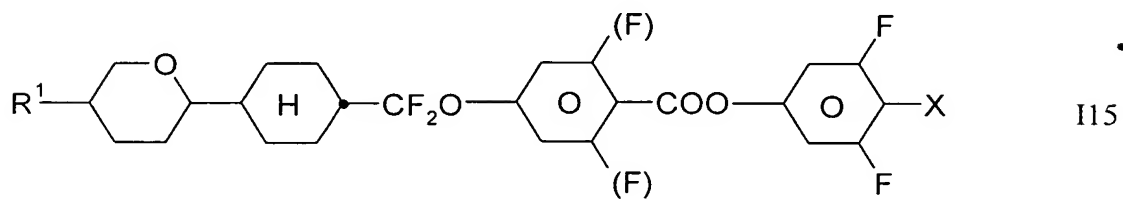
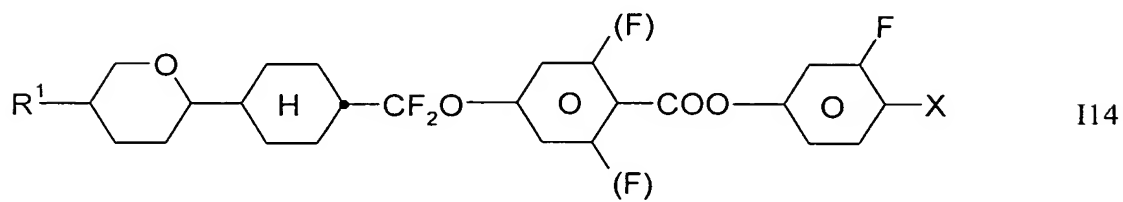
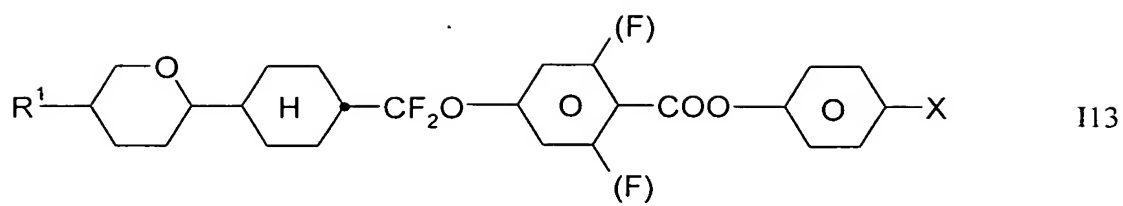
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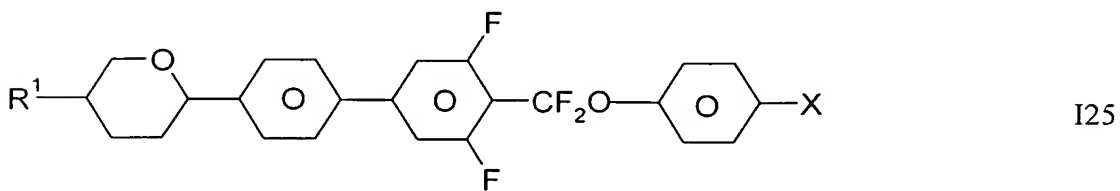
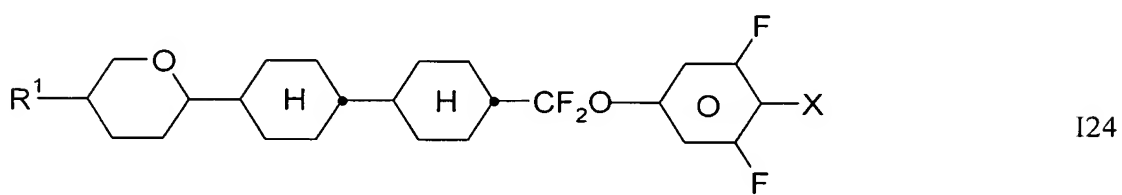
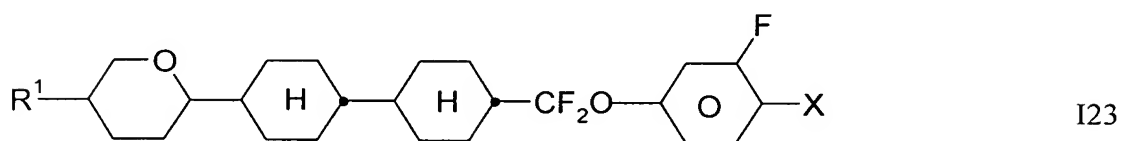
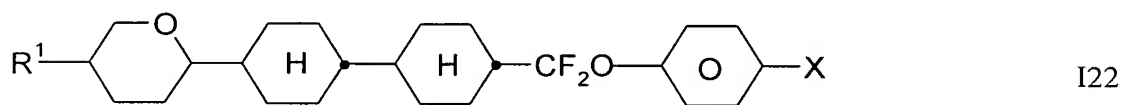
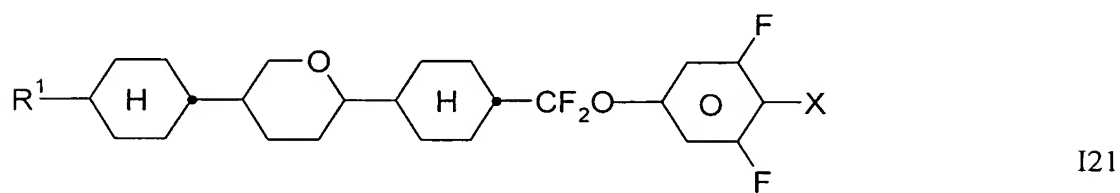
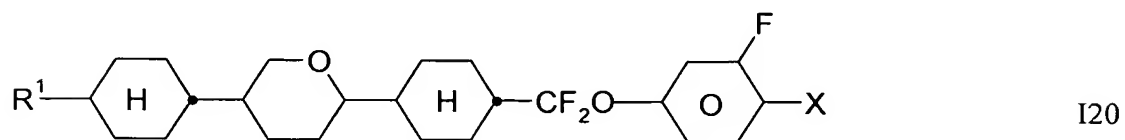
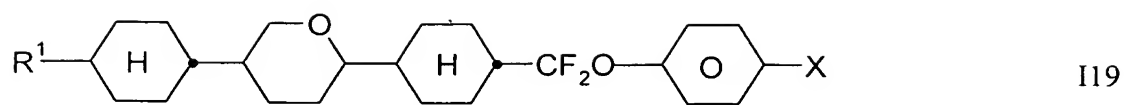


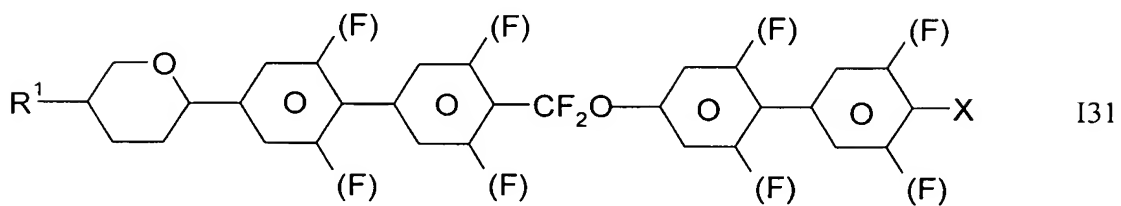
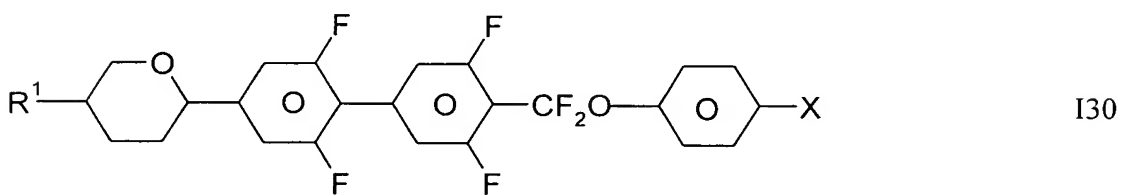
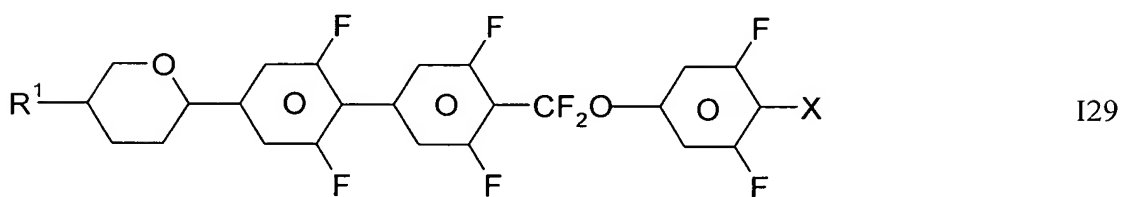
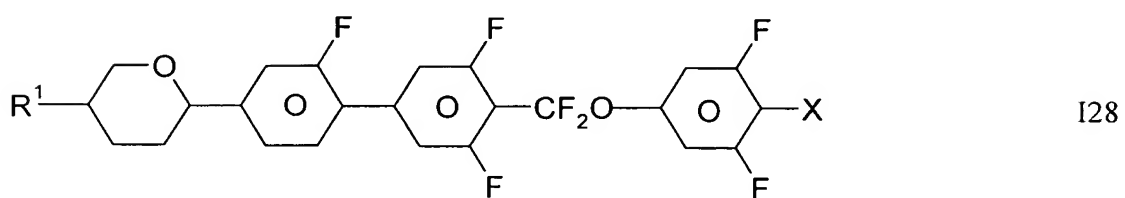
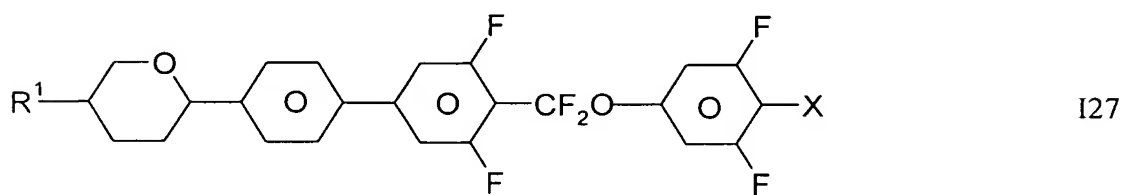
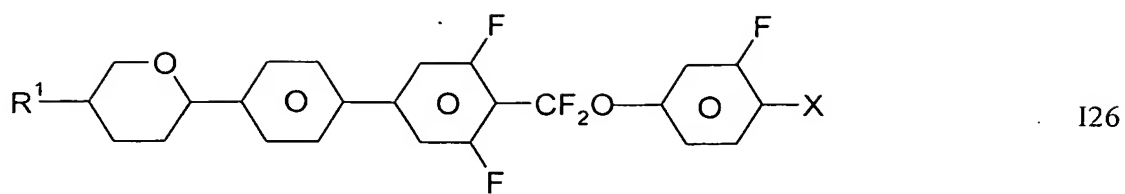
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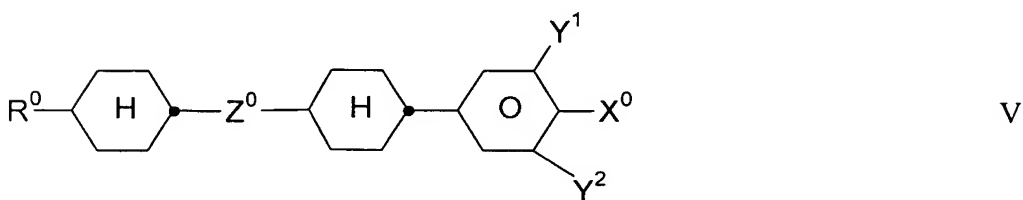
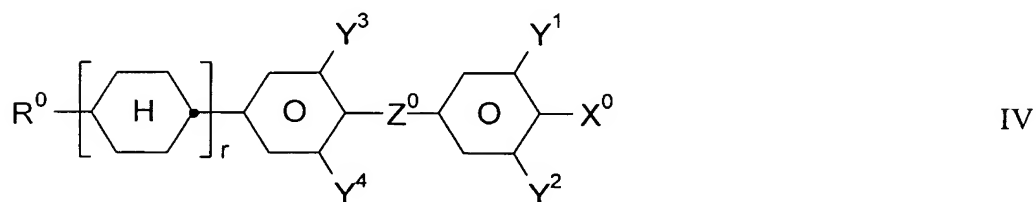
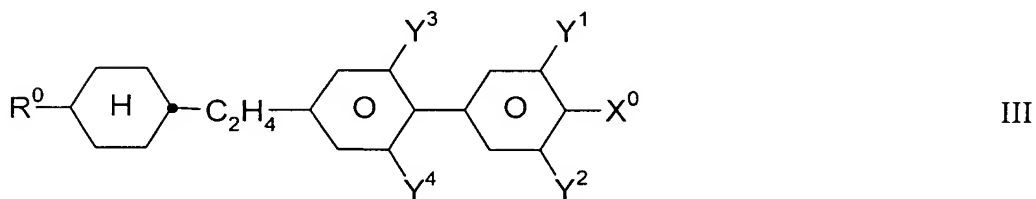
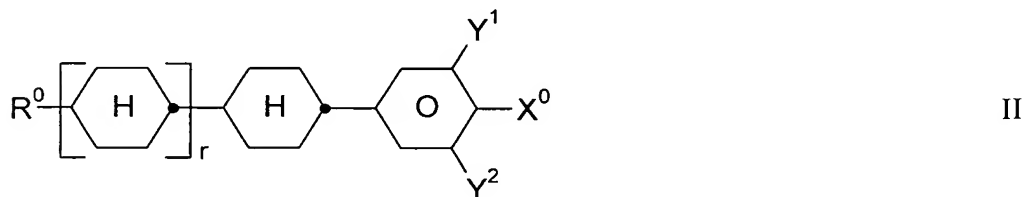


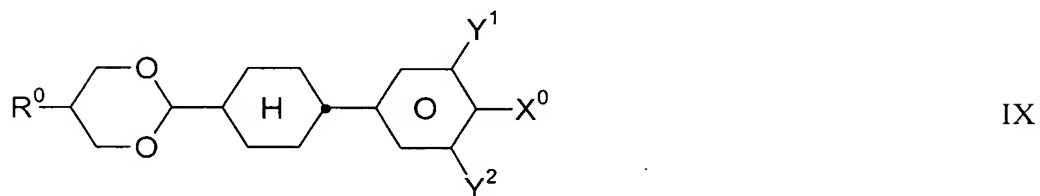
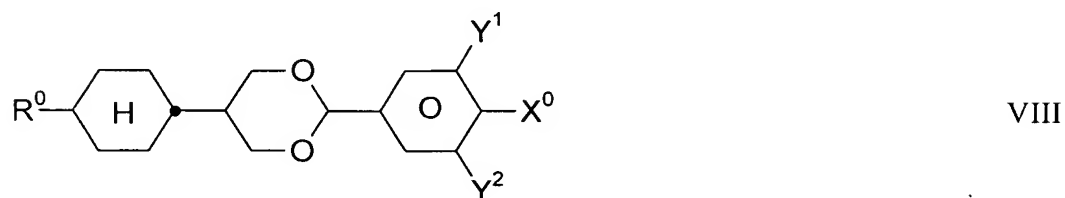
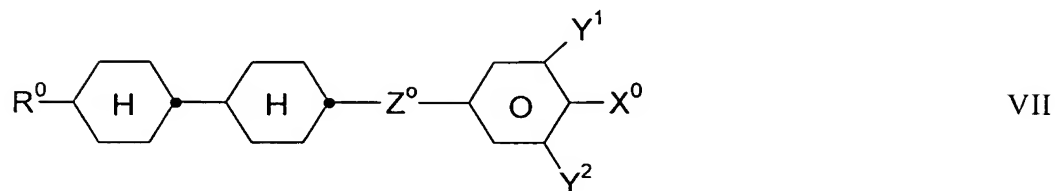
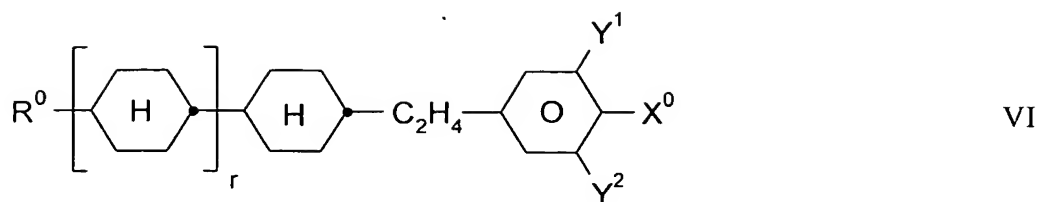




in which R^1 has the meaning indicated in Claim 1 and X has the meaning of R^2 in Claim 1.

7. **(Currently Amended)** Liquid-crystalline medium comprising at least two mesogenic compounds, ~~characterised in that it~~ which comprises at least one compound of the formula I according to Claim 1.
8. **(Currently Amended)** Liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 7, ~~characterised in that it~~ which comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the compounds of ~~general~~ formulae II to IX:





in which

R^0 denotes n-alkyl, oxaalkyl, fluoroalkyl, alkenyloxy or alkenyl, each having up to 9 C atoms,

X^0 denotes F, Cl, halogenated alkyl, halogenated alkenyl, halogenated alkenyloxy or halogenated alkoxy having up to 7 C atoms,

Z^0 denotes $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4-$, $-(\text{CH}_2)_4-$, $-\text{C}_2\text{F}_4-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CF}=\text{CF}-$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{OCF}_2-$ or $-\text{COO}-$,

Y^1, Y^2, Y^3 and Y^4 each, independently of one another, denote H or F, and

r is 0 or 1.

9. (Canceled)

10. **(Previously presented)** Electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 7.
11. **(New)** A liquid-crystalline compound according to formula IA of Claim 2, wherein $a = 1$ and $b = 0$ or $a = 0$ and $b = 1$.
12. **(New)** Electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 8.
13. **(New)** A liquid-crystalline compound of claim 1, which in formula I, $a = 0$.